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DEWAN OF MYSORE

AWDRY HOUSE,
FERNHILL,
NILGIRIS.

21st May 1918

Your Highness,

I was glad to learn yesterday that Your Highness is pleased with your visit to Kodaikanal – As Your Highness is not returning here early, I propose to leave this for Mysore on about the 28th inst. The weather here so far has been uncommonly wet & miserable.

The War loan, Recruitment & Food Control questions are all receiving the anxious consideration of the members of Council & myself.

The Hon. Mr Cobb came here on the 18th inst. and had over an hours' conversation with me in the course of which he referred to the treatment he received from the Durbar practically going over all the old matters again. He seemed anxious to get on pleasantly with us.

At the instance of your Highness, Mr Campbell wrote to me to help in finding a bungalow for the Resident (General Barratt) in Bangalore. Both Mr Cobb & Sir A Clarke have also been asking me to do what we could. I am in daily communication with Bangalore to get something settled if possible. It is thought that it might be inconvenient if the General established himself on the high ground, with his flag & sentry, within the city limits so close to the Palace, so it has been suggested that Mr Banerji might remove to one of the bungalows on the high ground and the General given Langford House, Mr Banerji's present residence.

Sir A Cardew spoke to me about the exchange of visits with your Highness. He enquired if it would not be sufficient for him to send a letter with his card to your Highness, explaining the cause of absence. He said he was anxious to come to your Highness' parties and maintain friendly relations. I said I would submit the matter to your Highness.

I suggested to both Sir A Cardew & Mr Johnson the desirability of discussing the questions pending between the two Governments frankly with me. I noticed there was no lack of will but they seem preoccupied with other pressing work.

Everything seems to be going on smoothly in Mysore. I heartily hope Your Highness is having a pleasant holiday.

I have etc,

Your Highness' devoted & humble servant,

M. Visvesvaraya